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Domitian was formally invested with imperial office by the senate.

Domitian was an able administrator. Whatever his shortcomings as a person he did not neglect the welfare of the empire. He tried to raise standards of public morality. He forbade castration of males, and punished senators who practiced homosexuality.

As Pontifex Maximus he condemned to death
four of the six Vestal Virgins; three for incest,
and a fourth, the Chief Vestal Cornelia, for
entertaining a whole string of lovers. The first three
were allowed to choose the manner of their
death and their lovers were exiled. Cornelia
was buried alive, while her lovers were
beaten to death in the forum.

Domitian upset the senate by ignoring
them. Domitian's autocratic style of
government, ~~and~~ was underlined by his
adoption of titles 'dominus et deus'
'Lord & God'.

81-96

Domitian was Emperor.

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Golden Cards

Arch of Titus was built

Titus ruled only until
A.D. 81. (The actual cause
of his death is disputed)

A.D. 81

General Flavius Silva Nomius
Bassus was made CONSUL
ORDINARIUS in A.D. 81. It is
possible he was subject to damnatio
memoriae, since his name
was removed from a monument
in Judea presumably before
his death (date unknown)

A.D. 81

Domitian succeeded Titus as
Emperor and ruled until A.D. 96

No fewer than ten men of consular
rank were put to death on various
petty charges by Domitian, General
Flavius Silva was not on the list.